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Letter from Dr. Keesecker to Dr. Koch

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From the Office of the EDITOR
American Osteopathic Association

Chicago 11, Illinois

October 20, 1955

Dear Doctor:

I hope within the next month you can give the enclosed publication editorial article (November FORUM) a critical reading. You helped with it, either by being one of the more than 80 who replied to my letter of July 27 or talked with me about the statement, or indicated your interest in such a statement.

The article starts from the profession's location on its road today, and moves forward to catch a glimmer of its road ahead. How far organized osteopathy will go on this highway is more than a matter for definition, it is one for action. Definition is relatively simple; decisive action demands thought and thought is one of the most painful processes to which we subject ourselves. These questions may help you to more easily evaluate the editorial.

1. Can the Road Ahead be considered: (a) as a roughly plotted blueprint for our guidance in thought and action? (b) as the profession's platform, for the information of interested nonosteopathic groups?
2. Would you accept as our central position the one defined and stated in the article?
3. Do you consider our educational segregation actually a matter of first import?
4. As sources of strength largely untapped should and can we build a public relations program upon an appeal in breadth as set forth in "Lines of Change"?
5. Is our profession ready to leave off our largely negative position of dissent to take one largely positive, namely, "Osteopathy ...speaks for its right to stand as a loyal opposition to modern medicine,..."?
6. Does the section on "Manipulation" correctly categorize that modality as it relates to osteopathic medicine?

I do not suggest that you attempt to answer these questions except in your own mind. I should appreciate your comment: (a) How fully does the statement represent your position? (b) If it does, how can we get on the Road Ahead?

Thank you,

Raymond P. Keesecker, D.O.

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